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Ambassadors for Wilderness – Participant Application

Postmark, email, or fax to the above by April 15th

The Ambassadors for Wilderness program through Great Sand Dunes National Park is an opportunity for high school students from around the San Luis Valley to come together, learn together, and live together in a wilderness environment. Participants will explore the park environments from the high alpine tundra to the sand dunes and wetlands. Field science, trail-building, personal reflection time, Leave No Trace training, and many other activities are included. Camping gear, food, and transportation are provided free of charge.

Participants who complete all components of the program will earn:

- 75 hours of volunteer service time or 1 transferable elective credit from Byron Syring Delta Center
- \$100 tuition scholarship

Note: The purpose of this data is to safeguard the health, safety and welfare of the participants. All personal information is protected under the Privacy Act of 1974. **This information is requested on a voluntary basis although incomplete applications may not be accepted.**

– Please print legibly –

Name: _____ Birthdate: _____
School: _____ Right now, I am a ☐ freshman ☐ sophomore ☐ junior

☐ American Indian or Alaska Native ☐ Asian or Pacific Islander ☐ Black, not of Hispanic origin ☐ Hispanic ☐ White, not of Hispanic origin

Address: _____ City/State/Zip: _____

Email address: _____ Best phone #: _____ ☐ home ☐ cell

Preferred method of communication: ☐ email ☐ postal mail ☐ phone ☐ text message

Emergency Contacts – parent or legal guardian must be provided as first emergency contact

Name _____ Email _____ Relation _____

Day phone _____ Evening phone _____ Cell phone _____

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Outdoor experience (just for our information, this does not affect selection):

Hiking:	<input type="checkbox"/> Never	<input type="checkbox"/> Occasionally	<input type="checkbox"/> Regularly	<input type="checkbox"/> Frequently
Car camping:	<input type="checkbox"/> Never	<input type="checkbox"/> Occasionally	<input type="checkbox"/> Regularly	<input type="checkbox"/> Frequently
Horse packing:	<input type="checkbox"/> Never	<input type="checkbox"/> Occasionally	<input type="checkbox"/> Regularly	<input type="checkbox"/> Frequently
Backpacking:	<input type="checkbox"/> Never	<input type="checkbox"/> Occasionally	<input type="checkbox"/> Regularly	<input type="checkbox"/> Frequently
Hunting or fishing:	<input type="checkbox"/> Never	<input type="checkbox"/> Occasionally	<input type="checkbox"/> Regularly	<input type="checkbox"/> Frequently

How did you hear about this program?

☐ friend/family ☐ school ☐ NPS staff person ☐ radio ☐ newspaper ☐ poster ☐ website ☐ other _____



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Short-answer questions:

Why do you want to participate in the Ambassadors for Wilderness program?

What is one positive thing you think you bring to a group setting?

What do you think will be your biggest challenge in the program?

How do you think you might like to educate others about your experience (your Ambassador Project)?

You must attend the first block of overnights plus one Sand Creek trip.

Please verify that you are available to participate on the dates indicated. If you have a Sand Creek preference, please check the appropriate box.

*If accepted, a \$50 refundable deposit will be required to hold your spot. Details will follow in the participant packet mailed in April. Deposits will be **refunded in full** upon completion of the program. If you must cancel participation, do so at least 14 days before the first trip or you will lose your deposit.*

Orientation and Open House (optional)

☐ Saturday June 26th : 10 a.m. – noon

Frontcountry & Backcountry Overnights

☐ Saturday July 10th - Tuesday July 13th

5-day Sand Creek Adventure

☐ Sunday July 18th – Thursday July 22nd

☐ Monday July 26th – Friday July 30th

Ambassador Alumni Weekend (optional)

☐ Saturday August 7th – Sunday August 8th

Applicant Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

Parent Signature: _____ **Date:** _____